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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 13, 1975

Dear Henry:

I am greatly honored that you have asked me, in your letter of October 22, 1974, to join the Advisory Committee of the Kissinger Scholarship Fund. I accept with gratitude and pleasure.

You know of my long-standing concern for the families of our men who were lost in Indochina. I will carry out this responsibility to the best of my ability and with my fullest dedication to an effort in which I deeply believe.

Warm regards,

Brent Scowcroft
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C. 20420

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NSC/S:

This is already closed as NFAR per Elliott. However, this should be dated, dispatched & incorporated into 500 7 (orig pkg).

—KM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 6, 1974

Brent:

Tom Johnson of Maw's staff wonders if you ever replied to HAK's letter inviting you to serve on his Scholarship Fund Board. We have no record of your signing this draft reply.

Did you make the same points orally to Maw?

Peter

Peter -
Carl said no problem.
Would you drop me a
note of acceptance?
Thanks. Brent

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: W. R. Smyser

SUBJECT: Your Participation on the Advisory Committee for the Kissinger Scholarship Fund

Attached at Tab A is a proposed draft reply from you to Secretary Kissinger in response to his request for your participation on the Advisory Committee for the Kissinger Scholarship Fund. His request to you is attached at Tab B.

Concurrence:
Jeanne W. Davis

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Dear Henry:

I am deeply honored that you have asked me to join the Advisory Committee for the Kissinger Scholarship Fund.

I believe, however, that I should point out two potential problems for your consideration. First, questions might be raised whether a career military officer, particularly one occupying a position on the White House staff, should be connected with such a fund. Second, some critics might claim that I could not be completely objective because a number of the men whose children would be candidates were personal friends.

I would like to discuss these issues with you before a final decision is made.

Brent Scowcroft
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

October 22, 1974

Dear Brent:

As you may know, last fall I established with my share of the Nobel Peace Prize a fund for the purpose of providing scholarship assistance to the children of American armed forces personnel killed or lost in Indochina. The Fund will award its first scholarships sometime early next year. I would be most pleased if you would agree to serve as one of the three members of the Advisory Committee whose task it will be to make the final selections of students who will receive scholarship awards.

It will, of course, be within the scope of the Advisory Committee's authority to establish whatever selection procedures it may desire. However, the administrators of the Fund, Community Funds, Inc., of New York, have already arranged for the Educational Testing Service to do the preliminary screening of applicants. Thus, should you decide to accept this responsibility and approve of the action taken by the administrators, your duties should not be burdensome.

Enclosed is some information about the Fund and proposals for its administration prepared by Community Funds, Inc.

I hope you will be able to take on this responsibility.

Warm regards,

Henry A. Kissinger

Enclosure:
Memorandum.

Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft, USAF,
Deputy Assistant to the President
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This draft memo outlines a plan to administer The Kissinger Fund. It contains a suggested course of action for the following elements: eligibility criteria, application procedures, screening method, scholarship amounts, scholarship conditions, preliminary pay-down schedules, notification procedures, and possible methods for increasing the Fund. The final section poses some remaining questions and possible answers that need further discussion. A separate memorandum to follow will address the issue of selecting the agency to screen applicants and administer the program.

The purpose of this revised draft plan is to provide a basis for further discussion and finalization of a plan for approval. (We understand the Advisory Committee is to be named shortly by Secretary Kissinger).

Each element of the plan was developed with three factors in mind:

1. The plan must be simple and easily understood.
2. The plan must be low cost to preserve funds for scholarships.
3. The fund must be expanded to aid more than just a few young people.

Naturally, some elements of the plan cannot be articulated until the Advisory Committee is named and the specific cooperation of institutions that are to be involved is secured.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, a recipient must be an individual under 24 years of age who is applying to or enrolled in an approved institution of higher learning. The individual must be the son or daughter of U. S. military perso[illegible] Killed In Action or Missing In Action

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The application procedures have two elements: (1) how potential candidates are notified about the program and (2) the specific procedures a candidate must follow to be considered for the scholarship.

Notification About the Program

Preliminary conversations with the Navy and the Army indicate that the individual services are fairly likely to cooperate in notifying eligible families about the program. Both of these services have pamphlets which describe a series of scholarships available to indivi students whose parents are or have been associated with the military.

It is assumed that all branches of the Armed Forces will cooperate in disseminating information about this program. However, we have not yet been able to identify one coordinating office in the Department of Defense that might serve as a liaison with all of the branches of serv In addition, the agency selected to screen applicants and administer the program will have a communications / publicity capability.

Specific Application Procedure

Based on preliminary conversations with Mr. Robert Bliss of the National Merit Scholarship organization and Mrs. Mary Drew of the Educational Testing Service, the following procedures have been tentatively outlined:

1. A combined effort of the DOD* and the screening / selecting agency would be made to notify recipients about the scholarshi via the individual services and through direct communication with the high schools of the country. Every effort will be made to do this by "piggy backing" on current communications vehicles.

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2. Specific information

instructing ...

a. Take the appropriate examination used by the screening / selection agency.

b. Complete a special application card or form prior to or after the test and forward same to a clerical unit in the DOD or the screening agency. This card would contain at least their:

(1) Name

(2) Address

(3) Social Security Number

(4) Test number?

(5) Date of test?

(6) Location of test

SCREENING METHOD

While the two agencies under consideration differ to some degree in their screening methodologies, both agencies will

- Test the applicants
- Consider the high school class standing
- Review high school transcripts
- Evaluate extra curricular activities and teacher / counselor recommendations
- Assess family financial ability

Details of the methodology have been reviewed with each agency and are outlined in a separate memorandum.

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SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

A preliminary scholarship amount ranging from $500 to $1000 is suggested. (The higher amounts would be for private colleges and universities that charge higher tuitions). The background information for the cost estimates is noted below:

	Private College	Public College
Cost[1]	$ 4,900	$2,500
Federal offset[2]	1,980	1,980
	$ 2,920	$ 520

While more than $1000 might be needed by individual students, a limit of $1000 is suggested to "spread" the funds to additional students. Further detailed discussions are needed with the screening/selection organization to pin down appropriate scholarship amounts and to ensure we account for all other potential sources of offsetting funds.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The following conditions are suggested:

1. Student must be attending an accredited educational institution a minimum of 3/4 time (to allow students to work).
2. Student must have applied for
   a. Social security benefits (if attending school full time)
   b. The "Junior G.I. Bill" (War Orphan's Educational Assistance Act of 1956)

(1) Based on Office of Education estimates for 1978 for tuition, fees, room and board.

(2) Paid by Veterans Administration under the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act of 1956

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3. Scholarships to undergraduate students over four years subject to a renewal procedure that would ensure that satisfactory progress was being made toward a degree. (Further discussion on this point and the trade offs vs. "broader coverage" with one year scholarships may be appropriate).

4. Scholarship funds are to be paid directly to the institution to cover tuition, fees, books, room and board in the order listed.

PRELIMINARY PAYDOWN SCHEDULE

Based on a review of available information of the number of dependent children of U. S. military personnel MIA/KIA in the Indochina conflicts from 1961 to the present, we suggest a paydown schedule of:

Year	# Students Provided 4 Year Scholarships	Scholarships Funds Expended in that Year	Illustrative Administration Cost	Estimate of Principal Remaining
1975	10	$ 7,500	$2,600	$44,900
1976	10	15,000	2,600	27,300
1977	10	15,000	-	12,300
1978	3	9,750	-	2,550
1979	-	2,250	-	300
1980	-		-	-

This paydown schedule is against an extremely crude guesstimate of a total applicant population of roughly 12,000 (see Exhibit I). These guesstimates are unsatisfactory but are based on the only available data as of this date. Moreover, it points up the large need and the limited resources available.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Notification of recipients would be handled by the screening agency and the New York Community Trust since the recipient institutions's name is needed to determine the amount of the stipend and the

* Assumes an increase in available

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stitution that will receive the funds. Notification to non-winners would be handled by the screening agency.

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	Rationale/Assumption	Numbers *
1.	Based on the number of [illegible] MIA's, we projected the KIA dependents and totalled the two sets of dependents.	37,442
2.	Assume 40% will go on to college	15,000
3.	Assume 80% of those going on to college will apply for a scholarship	12,000
4.	We then distributed them by age groupings based on the Navy and Marine Corps. statistics which were available (for MIA's only).	

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